

INDOCHINA

the primitive songs. In short, he did everything **to** stimulate

and to their integrity as a group,

Unfortunately for his **work**, the plateau of Darlac was discovered to be a field for agricultural colonisation. The Moi redlands

a synonym for wealth in rubber. In 1926[^] when the boom was

at its height, the possibilities of Darlac were revealed. Sabatier made

pathetic efforts to keep this country for the Hois, who, he knew, would

be robbed of their soil and morally crushed by service as plantation

labourers. Learning of the imminent arrival of a prospector, he had a

bridge blown up that forced the man to return to Saigon, irritated and

more determined than ever to force his way in. In fact, Sabatier paid

for his temporary triumph by arousing the forces of finance against

him, as well as against Varenne. **He** was **called**, in Parliamentary

a tyrant who had martyred the natives. He was dismissed

from his **post** and told to leave the country within twenty-four **hours**.

In he **continued the struggle**, aided by disinterested men like

Dorgelès, and he was eventually **reinstated** in the administration, **but**

never returned, to **Darlac***

It took the depression to defeat the powers of finance, but **unfortu-**

nately by time confidence **in** the French, which Sabatier had been

at to **build** up in the Mais, was **lost**, and they had but one more

for distrust of outsiders. Only the moral influence of the mis-

in Moi eyes. The attempts to create **for Moïs** were a failure. **Large-scale** dispossession

was for by 1932 there were **200,000,000** francs

The had, of course, "**sold**** their land, for sums far

Its worth, selling for **immediate** though slight

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and ignorance
still prefer to **live m abject** misery rather than
to **do any** infringes on their liberties. **In 1935**
another
organized, md it looked as if the cycle erf
begun once more.